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**PETITION OF NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF FUEL  
COST CHARGE AND CUSTOMER CREDIT  
ADJUSTMENT TO BE APPLICABLE IN THE  
MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, MARCH AND  
APRIL 2006 PURSUANT TO I.C. 8-1-2-42 AND  
CAUSE NO. 41746**

CAUSE NO. 38706-FA-069

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**INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION**

You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

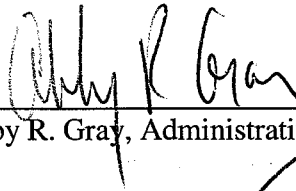
The Presiding Officer now finds that NIPSCO should file written responses to the following questions by the evidentiary hearing on December 13, 2005:

1. Line 24 of NIPSCO Exhibit B, Schedule 5, shows a 'Weighted Average Deviation' percentage. Other utilities calculate their deviation percentages using only lines 12 and 22 of Exhibit B, Schedule 5. NIPSCO's calculation does not do this. Please explain NIPSCO's calculation of the deviation percentage and why it has chosen to calculate its percentage deviation in a manner different from the conventional method.
2. For the second time in 2005, boiler tube leaks at NIPSCO generating facilities have caused forced outages – leaks at Bailly 7 from January – March and leaks at Bailly 8 in September. Does NIPSCO consider these outages to be indicative of systemic problems, or does it consider them to be isolated occurrences? When was the last scheduled maintenance outage for Bailly 8? During the boiler tube related outage in September, what measures were taken to reduce the risk of future boiler tube related outages? Has the recent tube related outage had an effect on future maintenance plans of Bailly Unit 8 or any other NIPSCO generating resource? If so, please explain. What generating resources, if any, are known to be unavailable, either totally or partially, during any part of January, February and March 2006?
3. The following questions/information requests all relate to Exhibit B, Schedule 7:
  - a. Please detail what charges are included in the 'Miscellaneous' category listed on Line 9. Why do these charges not fit into one of the other costs categories?
  - b. The charges listed on Line 3 (RT Marg. Loss Surplus Credit), shows material credit amounts for July and August and a material charge in September. Please explain the shift from material credit to material charge and what NIPSCO's expectations are for this category going forward.

- c. Line 10 purports to show the total MISO component of the cost of fuel. Line 10 matches Lines 3 and 10 of Exhibit B, Schedule 6, for MISO fuel costs for July and August. However, Line 10 for September 2005 does not match Line 14 of Exhibit B, Schedule 6. Please provide an explanation for the differences for September 2005.

4. Exhibit B, Schedule 1, does not explicitly forecast the MISO component of fuel costs. Please detail the amount of MISO fuel costs that are included in the forecast. If NIPSCO is not forecasting MISO fuel costs, why not? When does NIPSCO anticipate including MISO fuel costs in its forecasting?

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



Abby R. Gray, Administrative Law Judge

Date December 9, 2005